"Ministers recognize that the more open multilateral trading system resulting from the Uruguay Round benefit workers around the world through the impact of increased trade on employment and income. They also express the view that trade gains should not come at the expense of the realization of social objectives and, in this connection, they agree to undertake early consideration of the relationship between the trading system and internationally recognized labour standards."

This would have had the effect of Ministers endorsing the suggestions of including the examination of the relationship between trade and internationally recognised workers right. There was no consensus on this.

At Marrakesh while the Ministers representing the US and some European Countries stressed the importance they attached to their requests for an examination of the relationship between the trading system and internationally recognized workers rights, other Ministers proposed other subjects for examination. India proopsed an examination of the relationship between immigartion policies and international trade. All the suggestions will be taken up by the preparatory Committee.

The discussion was about the agenda of the World Trade Organization. No specific 'trade proposals' were made at Marrakesh.

Government has not conducted any study about the prospects of our workers in foreign countries.

SETTING UP OF DEALERSHIP NETWORK BY MMTC.

*500. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY :

SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC is going to set up its own dealership network for marketing imported DAP and other items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that MMTC intends to enter into textile exports in collaboration with some private firms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) Consequent upon decanalisation of import of fertilizers, MMTC has embarked upon setting up a distribution network for marketing imported DAP and other items in India to gainfully employ the manpower rendered surplus and increase its own profitability.

MMTC is also seeking linkages with both public and private sector companies as joint venture partners for establishing captive supply base in different textile items for exports.

D. A. for Super Bazar employees

5222. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether one more instalment of dearness allowance has become due for payment to the Super Bazar employees since 1st July, 1993;